GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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AVAILABILITY OF GROUND WATER
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the availability of ground water in the country is much less than that of surface water; and

(b) if so, the assessment made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) As per assessment made, the average annual flow in the river systems of India has been estimated to be 1869 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM). The annual utilizable water resources are estimated to be 1122 BCM, which includes surface water resources of 690 BCM and ground water resources of 432 BCM.